Sunday Standard, Bangalore edition in July, 1978;

(b) whether these charges were inquired into; and

(c) if so what, action is contemplated relating to the violation of norms revealed thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The article "Monopoly House behind Polyester Scandal" published in the Sunday Standard, Bangalore edition is 9 years old and it may not be possible to say at this stage whether any enquiry was made and action taken thereon.

Increase in the Drug Prices

538. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of most of the medicines have gone up more than double during the last three years;

(b) what were the prices of Aromine, Stemetil, Largactil, Duoluton, Primolut, Mellerli, Hydergine Dilantine, Sodium, Valium, Siquil Tablets, Proluton, Menstrogen injections and Waterbury Compond, Agarol in January, 1984 and in January, 1987; and

(c) what was the justification for the price rise and whether Government made any verification about the increased prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Information to the extent available is shown in the attached annexure.

[*See* Appendix CXLI, Annevure No. 19].

(c) As per the DPCO, 1979, Government do not make verification of increases in prices of decontrolled drugs.

Prices of theophylline

539. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the units producing Theophylline and Aminophylline in the country, indicating the stage of manufacture of each, licensed capacity, and production of each during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) what was the price fixed by Government for each per kg. alongwith the date and names of units on whose data, the prices were fixed for each drug;

(c) whether it is a fact that the imports of those drugs have been restricted;

(d) whether it is also a fact that manufacturers have increased the prices of these drugs to about double after the import restriction was imposed;

(e) what was the earlier price of each drug per kg. before import restriction and what is their present price; and

(f) what is the percentage increase and on what basis the prices were increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f) Information is being collected.

Power position in southern states

540. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern States in the country will not have adequate power supply during the financial year 1987-88; and if so, what is the total power supply required for those States and what is the availability of power therein at present; and